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NURSES TO HOLD MEET

Health Workers Will Gather in

Montgomery Feb. 21

Miss Marie T. Phelan, director of the Bureau of Child Hygiene and Public Health Nursing of the State Board of Health, announced Saturday that the public health nurses of the state will hold a four-day institute in Montgomery. The institute will meet in Birmingham February 17 to 19 and in Montgomery February 21 and 22. At all meetings lectures will be delivered by Miss Marie T. Phelan of the Federal Bureau of Child Hygiene and Public Health Nursing.

Alabama.

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FOURTEEN NURSES ARE
GRADUATED FROM THE
FREEDMAN'S HOSPITAL

Preston News Service.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—

Fourteen nurses were graduated from the Freedman's Hospital Training School last Wednesday night, with ceremonies in the Rankin Chapel of Howard University. Dr. R. V. Hurst presided and Rev. Charles E. Stewart, presiding elder of the A. M. E. Church, delivered the address of the evening. In his talk Rev. Stewart said: "I am forced to draw a comparison between the practical nurses of 1861 who learned in virtually every case was purely the result of experience, and the trained nurse now being graduated from Negro hospitals, educated in scientific methods of preventing disease and aiding in the saving of lives. I urge upon the graduates consideration of the responsibilities falling upon them as trained nurses and beg them to remember the service to which they are pledged." Dr. Wm. A. Warfield, of Freedman's Hospital, delivered the address of parting.

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**APPOINTED AS NURSE
 AT HENRYTON**

**Mrs. Julia B. Phillips Named
 As Nurse In Charge Of
 New Children's Ward
 There**

MANY BEDS ARE VACANT
Propaganda Blamed For the
**Lack of Patients at State's
 New Tuberculosis Hos-
 pital 12-27-23**

Mrs. Julia B. Phillips, 516 Sanford Place, formerly a nurse in the city health department, has been appointed nurse in charge of the children's ward at the new State hospital for consumptives at Henryton in Carroll County.

Mrs. Phillips is one of the early graduates of the Nurses Training School at Freedman's Hospital in Washington. Afterwards she took a post course at Lincoln Hospital in New York. She held an executive position at the latter hospital for several years before coming to Baltimore. Recently she served as city nurse in the public schools.

75 Beds Empty at Henryton

Propaganda is blamed for the 75 empty beds at the hospital which has only recently been opened for colored patients. Last week Superintendent Siegel reported 25 patients at the hospital and room for 75 additional.

Samuel K. Dennis, member of the State committee in charge of the hospital, declared this week he was surprised at the lack of response of colored people. Everybody knows that the death rate among colored people from consumption is twice that of white, yet the new State hospital has a number of empty beds and no applications.

Treatment is free for those who are unable to pay and for those who can pay the cost of board, lodging and medical attention is only 50c a day. Here we had planned to go before the next Legislature urging appropriation for an additional unit to the hospital, and it turns out that we are unable to make the best use of the facilities the State has already put at our disposal.

Thot Hospital Filled

Down at the House of Reformation at Cheltenham, is a young lad suffering from tuberculosis. He is segregated as much as possible, but takes his meals and sleeps with the other boys. When asked why the boy was not sent to Henryton Hospital, Superintendent Pyles declared that his application was turned down and he understood that the place was filled.

Inquiry in other parts of the State also brings word that the false propaganda about the hospital being filled has been sent out from some source.

Maryland.

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COLORED NURSES IN MEETING
The Daily News.
**Notable Speakers Heard at Sixteenth
 National Convention.**

The National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses has just completed its sixteenth annual convention, which was held at the Wabash avenue department of the Chicago Y. M. C. A. Twenty-three states were represented with an attendance of 122 delegates. Miss Carrie Bullock, R. N., of Chicago, arranged the program.

Some notable speakers at the convention were: Miss Edna Foley, R. N., superintendent of Chicago Visiting Nurses' association; Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, health commissioner; Dr. E. Frelch, M. T. S.; Miss Mary E. Westfall, R. N., assistant superintendent of Chicago V. N. A.; C. M. Doty, assistant corporation counsel; Dr. George C. Hall, Oscar De Priest; Miss Minnie Ahrens, American Red Cross; Dr. Spencer C. Dickerson, Dr. Roscoe C. Giles, Dr. H. Reginald Smith, Dr. U. G. Dailey, Dr. A. W. Williams, Dr. William W. Gibbs.

National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses.

NURSES HOLD MEETING
AT RALEIGH, N. CAR.

Raleigh, N. C., April 20.—The State Nurses association of North Carolina will hold its annual meeting in this city May 3. The local association is planning many features for the entertainment of the host of visitors expected. Three sessions will be held at the First Baptist church, where papers will be read on some phases of public health, nursing and other important subjects of interest to the profession.

A reception at the Lighter arcade will be tendered the visitors at night. Sadie Brown is chairman of the entertainment committee. Annie Harrell, R. N., is president of the local group, and Mamie E. Hill, R. N., is secretary. Just as soon as the program is complete announcement will be made of the subjects and speakers.

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FIRST NURSE CLASS IN HARLEM HOSPITAL SCHOOL MAKES GRADE

13 Probationers Become Pupil Nurses and Don Uniforms—New Class Enters.

Wednesday, May 2, was a gala day with the pupil nurses forming the first class enrolled in the nurse training school at Harlem Hospital, Miss Anna J. Delmore, superintendent. On this day, after having concluded successfully the first period of training, the young women ceased being probationers and become pupil nurses, their promotion being marked by the donning of the nurse's cap and uniform of the school, insignia of their profession.

Of the original class of twenty young women, thirteen finished the term. But of the seven that did not finish, only two were dropped for incapacity. One left to be married, two left on account of illness in their families, and two were short of Regents' marks and had to acquire the lacking qualifications before being advanced.

It was a source of great gratification to the hospital authorities that this pioneer group should have come through the first period's work so successfully. Dr. George O'Hanlon, general medical superintendent of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, under whose general direction is Harlem Hospital, has expressed personal interest in the development of the nurse training class for colored girls, and Miss J. V. Vient, superintendent of the Harlem Hospital has given constant and unvarying encouragement and support to Miss Delmore in conducting the class.

Bellevue Official Present

On the occasion of the promotion of this first group, a number of visitors were present to facilitate and congratulate the young women. After the uniforms given the pupils had been donned and inspected by the superintendent, the class repaired to the school parlors, where refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed. Special guests present for this occasion were Miss K. C. deLong, general superintendent of nurses of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals; Miss Harriet Rogers, chairman of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and Mrs. Greer and Mrs. Lowell, members; and Miss Caswell, director of Social Service Work at Bellevue.

A pleasing feature of the work in the nurse training school has been the service rendered by Mrs. Lamar Whitener of West 139th street, who has given her

services on each Friday afternoon, from 3 to 5, as hostess for the girls in training at an afternoon social. During this period of recreation, Mrs. Whitener is in charge of the girls and the time is spent in some profitable and pleasant way, with music, lively chatter, and always a bountiful supply of tea and cakes. In addition to this work, Mrs. Whitener also, on occasions, acts as chaperon for parties of the girls on theatre trips, visits to points of interest, and other social activities.

New Class Enrolled

At the same time that this pioneer class was advanced to the grade of pupil nurses, a new class of probationers had already been enrolled. There are thirteen girls, attractive mentally and physically, who are enrolled in this new class, and they came from various sections of the country. New York State sends four, Massachusetts and Ohio each is represented by two, while from Maryland, West Virginia, Georgia, Alabama and the British West Indies there comes one each.

This class has entered into the work with enthusiasm and they are unanimous in appreciation of the courtesy and consideration shown them by the hospital authorities.

The personnel of this class of probationers is as follows: the Misses Agnes Boozer, Susie Bailey, Grace Fizz, Harriet White, New York; Hope Crocker, Evelyn Davenport, Massachusetts; Jennie Elder, Helen Kenny, Ohio; Grace Brown, Maryland; Louie Wilder, Georgia; Pearl Hardwick, Alabama; Ruby Burke, West Virginia; Violet Parkin, British West Indies. This class entered upon its work on May 1.

New York.

Nurses - 1923 Breaks Way For Nurses in Toledo

Toledo, Ohio, March 30.—For the first time on record a nurse of the Race has given service at one of the local white hospitals.

She is Mrs. Ora Lewis Brooks, a graduate of Meharry Medical college and Hubbard hospital. Mrs. Brooks came to Toledo recently. Local nurses have feared to go up against the discrimination encountered in an effort to serve in the hospitals of the city.

Mrs. Brooks was fortunate in being called to nurse in one of the wealthiest white families in the state. Her patient became worse at home, but so efficiently had Mrs. Brooks served, that he requested she be allowed to accompany him to St. Vincent's hospital, thus becoming the first Race nurse to enter any hospital in the city to give professional service.

She was recommended by the physician in charge of the case as being "very competent, patient and technical." Her patient's family was so pleased with her work that a large bonus was added to her regular wages.

Ohio

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Texas.

TUBERCULOSIS NURSE GIVING SPLENDID SERVICE; GIVEN APPARENT APPOINTMENT BY DALLAS TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.

Splendid efficient service is being rendered by Miss Ruth Chambers, Colored Tuberculosis Nurse of Dallas. Officers of The Dallas Tuberculosis Association commend her highly for the manner in which she took hold of the work and is pushing it. The month of May ended her three months of probation and she was immediately given a permanent appointment.

One-half of the salary of this nurse is being paid by the Dallas Tuberculosis Association and the other half is being paid by the following Negro business concerns and individuals: Excelsior Mutual Benefit Association, Eagle Mutual Benefit Association, Lone Star Mutual Benefit Association, Mississippi Life Insurance Company, Dr. R. T. Hamilton, Dr. C. L. Morgan, Golden Chain of The World.

Credit is due the Colored Women's Federation of Clubs of Dallas for raising the money to pay one-half of Miss Chambers' salary. Appeals were made by a representative of the club to the above named organizations and individuals in behalf of the work, and the response was immediate and generous.

The following is the report of Miss Chambers for the month of May, 1923:

Nurse Report Dallas Tuberculosis Association, May, 1923.

The month of "May" finds my line of work on the increase and owing to the approaching warm weather which has its flies and mosquitoes, I find much talk must be done to get my race to see the danger of the dreaded insects.

This month I have been trying to place before my race the reasons why they should study more about self hygiene and when they learn that, we will have all disease handicapped.

I have now been on duty three

months, March 7, 1923 to June 1. The work has been very interesting. I have sent 14 patients to Woodlawn, 2nd and 3rd stages. Six in March, three in April and five in May. I have 10 positive home-cases but as yet they have not learned that Sanatorium care is the best in early stages. The mother and father usually think that home remedies should be given first choice but they are gradually becoming more interested in tuberculosis. I have given the people permission to ask any information about the disease and anything pertaining to my work.

The physicians are gradually getting interested in the work and are referring the patients to me, but there are a few that will not cooperate with the association.

I hope that during my probation period, my work has been satisfactory to the Association.

I am respectfully,
RUTH CHAMBERS.

Statistical Report.

Clinics held, 8. Cases Positive, Old 1, New 4, total 5. Cases Suspicious, Old 0, New 1, total 1. Cases Negative, Old 0, New 3, total 3. Total 9. Adults examined or re-examined, 14. New Cases to Clinic and Home 26.

Field Work.

Patients seen, 66; calls made 79; cases on visiting list, 23; home cases new 19; dismissed from home calls 9; died 2; Conference in office 5; meetings attended 2; talks given 2; miscellaneous calls 20; literature 10.

Children's Work.

Children Clinic held 3; children to Clinic 4; children examined or re-examined 4; calls on Children 8; talks to children 1; literature 4.

Referred to

General Clinic 1; free X-Ray examination 8; United Charities 1; other 1.

Admitted to
Woodlawn, 5.

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Public Health Work.
A GOOD START



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NURSES TO MEET HERE NEXT WEEK Institute to Be Held in Columbia

Public health nurses representing practically every county in the state are expected to gather here Monday December 3, to attend the institute of public health nursing which is to be conducted under the auspices of the bureau of child hygiene of the state board of health, according to an announcement by Miss Nellie Cunningham, supervising nurse of the bureau. The institute will continue until Thursday, December 15. 11-30-23

In addition to the regular institute classes for the nurses, a series of open meetings for the general public are to be held in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

The first of these meetings will be held Tuesday evening, December 4, at which the principal speaker will be Dr. J. S. Crumbine of the American Child Health association. He will deliver an address on "The Modern Public Health Movement." Following his address two motion pictures will be shown, one entitled "The Kid Comes Through" and the other "Jinks."

Moving pictures and an address will again be presented before the general public Thursday evening, December 6. J. H. Hope, state superintendent of education, will deliver the address on

"Health in the School Curriculum" and the three pictures will be entitled "The Error of Commission," "Out of the Shadows" and "Well Born."

Two more open meetings will be held during the second week of the institute.

The first of these will be held Monday evening, December 10, when Dr. Howard E. Rondthaler, president of Salem college, at Winston-Salem, N. C., will address the gathering on "Some By-Products in Education." His address is to be followed by a health play given by the pupils of the Industrial School for Girls, under the direction of Mrs. Daniel A. Reed of the Columbia Red Cross chapter.

Dr. James A. Hayne, state health officer, will deliver the address at the second meeting Thursday evening, December 13, on the subject "Public Health Administration. The address will be followed by another health play by the girls of the industrial school.

Miss Cunningham expects nurses to attend the institute from every county in the state and declares that the special addresses announced are to be of general interest to the public.